

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Monday January 17th, 2011 marks the **25th anniversary of the first observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**. This day has become a "day on" for service, rather than simply a "day off" from school or work. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all. He challenged us to build a more perfect union and taught us that everyone has a role to play in making America what it ought to be. With his leadership, our nation made great strides against racial discrimination and toward increased civil rights. What role will you play?

Montgomery County is proud to celebrate this day by offering many service opportunities and thereby empower individuals, address social problems, and strengthen our communities. All activities are FREE and students can earn Student Service Learning hours at most locations.

What Types of Service Are Encouraged?

Any and all types! Each of us can contribute to strengthening our own communities by serving in Dr. King's honor on the King Holiday and throughout the year. And, by making service part of our daily lives, we can help realize Dr. King's dream. Together, we can ensure that more young people graduate from high school; that Americans of all ages have healthier futures; consume less energy; support our military families and veterans; and that we increase employment, financial stability, and affordable housing for vulnerable individuals and families.

Here are three great ways to be involved:

- **Participate** in service projects or a volunteer fair at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.
 - **Take part** in a service project at one of many locations throughout the County.
 - **Organize** your own project to meet a community need.
- For more information on projects see the Volunteer Center's website at:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer.

Who Can Participate?

People of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities are encouraged to volunteer! There are especially fun projects for children and young teens and this is a great opportunity to serve with you child!

Highlights from 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- 2,941 volunteers engaged in service projects throughout Montgomery County giving a total of 7,023 hours.
- 61 non-profit agencies benefited from the projects.

How to Register:

Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mlk.

- To **volunteer**, click on the listing of opportunities and contact the coordinator to sign up!
- To **post your project**, fill out the "Partner Site Project Form". If you could use additional volunteers, your project will be added to the listing.

How Can I Continue to Serve after Martin Luther King Day?

Visit the Montgomery County Volunteer Center's website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer, year-round to find a wide variety of current volunteer opportunities for area nonprofit and government organizations as well as resources for planning your own project.

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More Information

For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer, email servicedays@montgomerycountymd.gov, or call 240-777-2600.